

SENATE BILL 3257

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;
Title 37 and Title 39, relative to child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-5-112(e), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e) Within each of the pilot counties, the department of human services and the juvenile court or the district attorney general shall jointly undertake a public awareness campaign to periodically inform and remind teens that:

(1) Teen parents have a legal obligation to financially support their children, and that such obligation continues for eighteen (18) years following the birth of a child;

(2) The legal obligation of support exists regardless of a teen parent's gender or marital status; and

(3) The legal obligation of support will be enforced and the means with which the department may enforce the obligation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.